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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.

### Members Present

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imperial Co.  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agency/Mercy Air  
Marugg, Jim – SD County Paramedic Association  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association  
Workman, R.N., Debi – Paramedic Training Agency

### Guests Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – CPAC  
Hudnet, Carlen – SDMS  
Rice, Mike – AMR  
Russo, Joe – SDMS  
Uhde, Keith – AMR

### County Staff Present

Smith, Susan  
Wolchko, Janet I.

## I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melody Dotson, R.N., Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jim Marugg seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve the March 10, 2011 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

#### IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Keith Udhe of AMR reported that they could provide system wide reports and an overview on hospital offload data. The reports would provide information on offload issues to AMR staff, the communication center and the field supervisors to discuss with the hospitals. The reports will also provide systems information on how the hospitals perform and where they are in comparison to the system.

Carlen Hudnet added that within the CE courses, SDMS is instructing medics to report delays directly to the charge nurse. If the delay is over 20 minutes they are to contact the County EMS officer and send an email to the DMS officer with the incident number and issue.

It would be helpful if the Base Hospitals had access to view hospital wide information that shows how many units are in route, how many units arrived and the elapse time. Consequently, when decisions are made, information will be available as to who had been contacted, which facility can accept the patient and which units are already there.

Mr. Udhe of AMR will mention the topic at the next “First Watch” meeting and bring back any information he receives at that meeting.

#### V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

The following policies were reviewed by the Subcommittee:

S-019, Cardiovascular Advisory Committee (CAC) – The title QA specialist was replaced with Program Coordinator or Medical Director.

S-020, Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” receiving Center (SRC) – The date and title, County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services was updated.

S-021, De-Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center – The date and title, County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services was updated.

**Motion was made by Linda Rosenberg to approve policies S-019, S-020 and S-021 and to forward them to the full EMCC. Motion Carried.**

A-876, Air Ambulance Dispatch Center Designation/Dispatch of Air Ambulance, was reviewed and approved at the previous EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting on March 10, 2011.

#### VI. STAFF REPORT

iQCS: Susan Smith reported that EMS staff, the County CTO, the Project Manager and NG are devoting priority time to iQCS testing.

Medical Directors’ Report:

Ms. Smith inquired if there was any feedback from the Subcommittee on the protocols mentioned in the Medical Directors Report. The Subcommittee discussed issues

regarding abdominal pain and Zofran medication, blood sugar glucose testing and medication variation.

Measles: There have been a number of Measles cases seen lately. Many of the cases have been from those who have traveled outside of North or South America or have had contact with international travelers.

#### Roundtable

Sharon Carlson inquired if the Disaster Operations Subcommittee should meet and discuss disaster drills that have taken place and those that are currently scheduled. Patrick Buttron will be contacted and asked if the Disaster Operations Subcommittee should be reconvened.

The County Chiefs are coordinating with Les Gardina to roll out a “Ribbon Triage System” and the triage tags. The County has 50,000 tags that will be placed on the Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) trailers. Jim Marugg presented a “ribbon” kit sample and an explanation of how it will be used.

The 2011 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise is scheduled for November 17, 2011. The scenario for the exercise will be a disruption in the public water system. The purpose of the exercise is to provide participants with an opportunity to evaluate current response concepts, plans and capabilities for a response to a disruption in the public water system. Sharon Carlson and Donna Johnson are co-chairs of the design committee for the San Diego response for the statewide drill in November.

The SDHDC discussed topics from the 2011 Emergency Medical Service Administrators Association of California (EMSAA) conference that was held on June 7 and 8. Topics included mental health implications and triage and how to address the “worried well” during a mass casualty incident or public health emergency.

Hospitals are conducting a pediatric surge drill next Thursday, June 16, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The drill is a follow-up to the pediatric surge training program given by Children’s Hospital in March and April for educators and nurses in the emergency departments (EDs). The drill scenario conducted was with children from ages 3 to 12 years that were at camp and contracted e-coli. Children’s Hospital provided the adult hospitals with tools for assessment and evaluation. The drill will give hospitals a chance to identify how to make room for pediatric patients and how to calculate what they need for caching pediatric supplies.

## **VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital meeting will be July 14, 2011.

Submitted by

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